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"Tara Jara" is the name of the new burlesque written by Mr. Harry Paulson for production by Mr. Wilton Edwards at one of the London theatres during the ensuing autumn. In this Mr. Edison is said to have a part which will be quite equal to his celebrated impersonation of the "Heathen Chinese" seven years ago.

This camp-of-expedition which is to be assembled in India next cold weather will, the Pioneer says, be something quite on the Continental scale, according to present ideas. The intention is to muster two forces, each 20,000 strong, at Delhi and Umballa respectively, and then to manoeuvre those two thousand men of the Native Contingents will be attached to each army. Operating will commence probably in the first or second week of December.

The Royal Commission have received information that active preparations for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition are being made in India and the following Colonies:—The Dominion of Canada, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, New Zealand, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Ceylon, Mauritius, Straits Settlements, Hongkong, Jamaica, British Honduras, Liverpool Islands, Windward Islands, British Honduras, Bahama, West African Settlements, Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus and Fiji. In most of the Colonial Commissioners and Sub-Commissioners have long since been appointed to undertake the arrangements for securing the most complete representation of their Colonies at the Exhibition. The Guarantee Fund has now reached the sum of £105,000.

This special correspondent of the Pioneer wrote from Tashkent on the 3rd of July:—The chief news from the frontier relates to the sickness of the Russian troops at Peshawar, who are said to be dying off in numbers, and to the arrival of a new Russian general, who was received at Peshawar with a salute and much distinction. The Sarak Turkomans at Peshawar are much dissatisfied with Russian rule, and talk of migrating southwards to escape it. Afghan troops have not yet advanced beyond Bala Murghab, as any occupation of Marwachik might only lead to fresh excitement. The heat and want of water in the desert will be so great for the next two months that it is not considered probable that we shall commence the demarcation of the frontier before September, supposing that the negotiations are brought to a successful conclusion in the meantime.

Speaking of the Wimbledon Meeting, a home paper says:—There are numerous changes to note in the prize-list, and some in the conditions of shooting. At last the Sidler rifle has entirely disappeared from the programme, provision having been made for the case of competitors of tender years taking part in the Public School contests by a regulation permitting Martini carbine ammunition to be used with the Martini-Henry in shooting for the Ashburton Shield, the Spencer Cap, and in the Volunteer Cadet Corps Match. Two new rules affect certain classes of weapons, the pull of trigger for military breech-loading rifles having been reduced from 6 lbs. to 6 lbs., and the pull of trigger for guns which are officially classified as "any rifle" having been raised from 3 lbs. to 5 lbs. At the 500 yards pool range the bull's-eye has been increased in size from 18 in. to 24 in. diameter, a change which, while perhaps more than proportionately decreasing the value of the pool, will enable these targets to be used when required for the satisfaction of tie. The entries for the Queen's Prize again show an increase in the number of competitors over the very large addition witnessed last year, comprising, with the return for 1883. This year there will be not fewer than 2,500 efficient volunteers on the ground to take part in the Blue Riband of the meeting—the combination gold medal and its substantial accompaniment of £500, forming together the Queen's Prize. The aggregate value of the money prizes this year has been increased by £200, bringing the total to the handsome sum of £1,900.

A correspondent on whom we can rely informs us, upon what appears to him to be excellent authority, that the Amir has notified to the authorities on the spot that he has given his sanction to the establishment of a British cantonment at Kandahar. If His Highness has agreed to that measure, he must have seen reason to change the opinion which he held when Raval Pindi, that the presence of a British force on Afghan territory would revive old animosities, and bring on an insurrection. The apprehension that such would probably be the result of sending troops to Afghanistan was not confined to the Amir. It was shared by officers who knew the Afghan temper well. It is, of course, quite possible that the progress of events, the collision with the Russians especially, may have wrought a desirable change in the Afghan manner of looking at things, and that the Amir is not risking his hold on his subjects by consenting to receive now material help, which he thought fit, to deprecate when it was at his disposal last April. For ourselves, we do not see what is to be gained by locking up ten thousand men at Kandahar—a measure which involves the holding of the communications with another ten thousand. A force could be thrown forward into Kandahar at any time, and a special necessity for such a movement were to rise. Why then should we burden ourselves with the maintenance of a considerable force for an indefinite time and for no definite object, at a point where we could neither give nor receive a blow?—*Bombay Gazette.*

MEETING OF JUSTICES. An adjourned meeting of the Justices of the Peace was held in the Justice's Room at the Magistrate's this morning; present, Messrs. E. Maclean (Chairman), Granville Sharp, H. J. H. Tripp, and D. R. Crawford. Mr. W. M. Deane, Captain Superintendent, appeared on behalf of the Police. An adjourned application from Israel Berger to take over the watch license of the Star Hotel from Mr. F. A. Liddes, was first heard. Mr. V. Deacon, of the firm of Wotton and Deacon, appeared for the applicant and put in a number of documents concerning his client, who is a Roumanian subject. Mr. Deacon stated that he had been endeavouring, since last Tuesday, to get some local evidence as to the character of the applicant, but as his client had been only three months in the Colony this had

been found impossible. The papers produced were, however, good, and all in order, and applicant had sufficient money to carry on the business if the license should be granted. Applicant spoke very little English, but would of course be amenable to all the licensing regulations. Mr. Deacon held that the mere fact that applicant was a stranger here and unknown was not a fair reason for refusing the license. The papers produced showed that his client had been a hotel keeper in Romania. He was unable to say why his client had left his country.

Mr. Deacon drew attention to the fact that the terms of the ordinance requiring two householders' signatures to back an application had been complied with by the signature of a Chinese compradore and an Indian shop-keeper; but as a matter of fact those men knew nothing about the applicant, and this he considered to be the best thing wanting. He also thought that any one to whom a license was granted should at least have sufficient knowledge of English to read the regulations on the subject. Under all the circumstances he should oppose the granting of the application.

Mr. Tripp asked if there were no some of the publichouse keepers in Queen's Road foreigner who had been compelled to give a copy, accompanied their finding with a strong recommendation that the severest punishment should be meted out which it was in the power of the court to inflict. Justice Narine, giving effect to the recommendation, sentenced the prisoner to six years penal servitude.

THE BRITISH CANTONMENT AT KANDAHAR. Rangoon, July 24.—A letter on apparently excellent authority from the Amir has notified to the local authorities that he has accorded his sanction to a British cantonment being established at Kandahar. The British are to be sent thither is spoken of as 10,000 men. There is some doubt as to whether the heavy guns given to the Amir by the Government of India, which recently arrived at Quetta, will proceed after all to Kandahar. The general opinion is that they will not go beyond Kandahar, the scarcity of draught cattle being very great.

UNFOUNDED RUMOURS OF THE DEATH OF THE AMIR. Sialkot, July 24.—The rumour that the Amir is dead, and that there is an outbreak at Kabul, seems fully believed in the bazaar. The Council sat yesterday, it is supposed, in consequence; but satisfactory information regarding the statement is not yet obtainable. The general belief is growing that the rumour is true.

Later.—The persistent rumour about the death of the Amir, and of disturbances at Kabul, is absolutely without foundation, as far as is known to the highest authority here. The hope that he would see promotion to which he applied is true.

After short consideration, the Chairman informed Mr. Deacon that his client's application had been refused, but that he could apply again in November.

Mr. Deacon said that he had not voted on either side; he did not think that it was well for the Captain Superintendent of Police to record a vote in these matters.

The adjourned application of C. Sharpen for a spirit license for house No. 204 Queen's Road Central, at present occupied by a seaman's boarding house, was then heard. Mr. D. Caldwell appeared for applicant and said that the circumstances were very much the same as in the last case. His client was a Turkish subject, but he had kept a hotel in Calcutta for a year and half and in Bombay for a year. He produced a passport and various documents proving that applicant had been the proprietor of the hotels referred to. He had left India because his wife was ill and was advised to try a change of climate. Mr. Caldwell submitted that the fact that his client had been granted a license in Calcutta and Bombay was a certain amount of proof of his good character.

Mr. Deacon considered that the evidence as to applicant's character was a little better than in the former case, but there was a question as to the advisability of granting a new license.

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Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, triple, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bond has Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially-written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 4 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all former possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, Hawaii, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:

Letters, 10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Post Cards, 3 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books, Patterns and 2 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

Commercial Papers, 2 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 6; Books and Patterns, 6.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, China, Japan, Siam direct (d), Cochinchina, Tonquin, and the Philippines:

Letters per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 5 cents (e).
Post Cards, each, 1 cent.
Books, Parcels and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.

Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2 cents.
Registration, 10 cents.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.

(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, 4 cents.

Local Delivery.

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PACIFIC.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Pacific Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable articles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight, by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamp obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post of Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Pekhoi, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weight more than 5 lbs., nor more than 3 lbs. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL CONTAINING NO LETTERS, but a parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the Case of Parcels for India, a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed, (as bandboxes, &c.) Opium, Glass, Liquors, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruits, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered; and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a *Parcel Post* to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received

or Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of valuable articles, unless the sample sent be so small as to make the quantity sent no value.

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5. That the letter was entirely enclosed—all the conditions of Registration required.

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7. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately after the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

8. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

9. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Mixed or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been missent, or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Send to [] or Received at [] p.m.*, as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. He should act in the first time of complaint, *post-haste*; if it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

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Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

LEGALIZED TARIFF OF FEES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs.

Half hour, ... 10 cts. One hour, ... 20 cts. Three hours, ... 50 cts. Six hours, ... 70 cts. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

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Four Coolies, \$2.00 Four Coolies, \$2.00

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6. Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

Licensed Bearers (each).

One Hour, ... 10 cents.

Half Day, ... 25 cents.

Day, ... 50 cents.

Jinricksha.

Quarter Hour, 6cts. One Hour, ... 15 cts.

Half Hour, ... 10 cts. Two Hours, ... 25 cts.

For every hour or part of an hour, ... 10 cents.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

BOAT.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

pounds per Day, ... \$3.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

pounds per Day, ... 2.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

pounds per Day, ... 1.75

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